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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 23-26 are pending.

Claims 23-26 are rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101.

The Office Action states that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101 would be withdrawn if the claimed subject matter were amended as stated in the Office Action. Claims 23-26 are amended accordingly. It is believed that each of claims 23-26 is in condition for allowance.

This amendment may be entered upon a showing of good reasons why it is necessary and was not presented earlier as per 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116. This amendment is necessary to overcome the rejections stated in the final Office Action. The amendment was not earlier presented because the Applicant did not know of the Examiner's position with respect to rejection of claims in the present application until receiving the final Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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